GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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UNDERGROUND COAL MINES UNDER MCL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of underground coal mines under the Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. (MCL);

(b) the progress of coal mining in those mines during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has a proposal to computerize the official work of MCL and to computerize the coal mining activities; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in that regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a): The number of underground coal mines under the Mahanadi Coalfields Limited. is eight excluding Handiduah colliery which is not in production at present.

(b): The progress of underground coal mining in Mahanadi Coalfields Limited during the last three years are as under;

Name of the Mines	2000-01 figures in lakh MT	2001-02	2002-03 November,2003	2003-04(till
Talcher	1.61	1.80	2.00	1.34
Deulbera	1.06	1.06	1.10	0.61
Nandira	2.30	2.35	2.50	1.39
OC -2	2.66	2.58	2.63	1.80
OC-3	3.21	3.36	4.16	3.23
OC-4	0.95	1.03	0.95	0.59
HRC	1.71	1.68	1.43	1.03
HBI	2.71	2.61	2.81	2.52
Total	16.21	16.47	17.58	12.51

(c) & (d): Mahanadi Coalfields Limited/ CoalIndia Limited has made programmes for computerisation of office work of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited through implementation of uniform coal net application software developed by IIT, Kharagpur. Mahanadi Coalfields Limited/ Coal India Limited has also identified introduction of Global Positioning System(GPS) based Truck Despatch System (TDS) and Geographic Information System (GIS) in large OCPs having above 5 million tonne per year of output.